

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, June 6, 2013 6:00pm

Members present: Danney McCort, Fred Brown, Shannon Ashe, Hans Fields, Bryan Fritch, Michael McDougal

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lyndsey Barrett – Administrative Assistant, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, citizens: 56

Mayor McCort called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments:

Margaret Blanton - stated it was a mistake hiring a City Manager. Mrs. Blanton stated that the Village Officials are not listening to the citizens on what they want. Mrs. Blanton stated that better financial decisions need to be made.

Robert Blanton - stated that the Village is not concentrating on what Salado really needs, a sewer system. Mr. Blanton said in order for the Village to grow it needs a Sewer System.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 16th with the correction that Alderman Fields was also re-elected and sworn-in. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Mayor McCort gave the report for April police activities. There were no objections.

Mayors Report: Mayor McCort gave updates on the affordable housing for Senior Citizens, Main Street Enhancement Project, the IH35 annexation progress, IH35 construction progress, and the Future Annexation of Jim Aikens Property.

New Business:

1. Year-to-Date Financials

Investment Officer Peters went over the financials for Hotel/Motel and the Village General Fund. There were no objections

2. Proposed Employee Handbook Changes

Discussion was made about removing what is currently in place under item 4 (k) in the employee handbook and replacing it with 'full time employees will get up to 720 hours of paid sick leave upon termination'. Mayor McCort stated it was an incentive for the employees and that other surrounding cities do the same. The Board stated that they should

keep what is in place under item 4 (k) in the employee handbook but change the last sentence to read, "upon termination, full-time employees hired after 02-01-09 shall be paid up to 30 days of unused sick leave". There was also discussion on item B (2) in the employee handbook that all non-exempt police officers work straight time hours up to 85.5 hours a pay period and that it should be changed to read, "up to 80 straight time hours a pay period". *Motion was made by Alderman Ashe upon termination of employees hired after 02-01-09 that the employee shall receive up to 30 days of unused sick leave and non-exempt police officers work straight time hours up to 80 hours per pay period. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brown; motion carried 4 for and 1 abstained, Alderman Fields.*

3. Proposed Sign Ordinance Changes

Motion was made by Alderman McDougal to approve the sign ordinance changes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of Signatories on Financial Accounts and TexPool Resolution

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch to approve the resolution amending authorized representatives on Financial accounts and TexPool. Motion was seconded by Alderman McDougal; motion carried 4 for and 1 abstaining, Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch.

5. Request to Expend Funds to Purchase a New Generator

This item was tabled pending further research by Alderman Brown.

6. Resurfacing of Baines Street

Mayor McCort submitted a preliminary opinion of probable cost from the Village's Engineer, John Simcik in the amount of \$ 215,000.00. Mayor McCort stated that the Village raised the property tax to be able to repair streets in the Village and so far this year no streets have been repaired. Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch stated that there was a study done years ago grading the conditions of the streets in Salado and that the Village should stick with that study. *Motion was made by Alderman Fields to get a professional up-to-date study of the streets conditions in Salado. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brown; motion carried 4 for and 1 against, Alderman Ashe.*

7. City Administrator Job Description and Implementation Timeline

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch to appoint Alderman McDougal and Alderman Ashe to work directly with CTCOG to come up with and agree on a draft job description for the City Administrator job and when in agreement the document is to be looked at by legal. Motion was seconded by Alderman McDougal; motion carried unanimously.

8. Economic Development Loan to the Salado Golf Club at Mill Creek

Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch asked the board to consider, in principle, authorizing an Economic Development loan to "The Salado Golf Club at Mill Creek" in the amount up to \$500,000.00. Mayor Pro-Tem recommended to include the following conditions:

- The seller would have no lien on any part of the property whatsoever.
- The Village would receive a first lien on sufficient real assets (as agreed upon by both parties) to secure the note.
- The note would be repaid over ten years with an interest rate of three percent (0.03%) per annum.
- The purchaser would bear any and all costs and fees associated with the loan generation and servicing.
- The purchaser would immediately petition the Village for the entire property to be

voluntarily annexed into the corporate limits of Salado.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Fritch to approve in principle a economic development loan up to \$500,000.00 to The Salado Golf Club at Mill Creek. Motion was seconded by Alderman Brown; motion passed 4 for and 1 against, Alderman Fields.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 20, 2013 at 6:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Barrett
Administrative Assistant

Danney McCort
Mayor